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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL MARITIME COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE
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1. DEPARTMENT AIRPOUCHING TODAY FOR DELIVERY TO
KOLESNICHENKO DOCUMENT PREPARED IN RESPONSE TO SOVIET
REQUEST AND DESCRIBED REFTEL B. U.S. DID NOT PROMISE,
NOR WOULD IT NOW FEEL IT APPROPRIATE TO PROVIDE, A
DISCUSSION OF THE ROLE OF A DESIGNATED ENTITY WITHIN
INMARSAT. THERE WAS FULL DISCUSSION ON THIS SUBJECT DURING
CONFERENCE AND U.S. VIEWS ARE SET OUT IN U.S. DOCUMENTS
SUBMITTED TO CONFERENCE.

2. AT TIME DOCUMENT DELIVERED, EMBOFF SHOULD ACKNOWLEDGE
THAT THERE APPEARS TO BE A MISUNDERSTANDING REGARDING
TOPIC U.S. AGREED TO DISCUSS. THERE IS RELATIVELY LITTLE
DOCUMENTATION ON THE RECORD CONCERNING U.S. TELECOMMUNICA-
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TIONS REGULATORY PRACTICE, SINCE THIS SUBJECT, ALTHOUGH

DISCUSSED BY U.S. SPOKESMEN DURING CONFERENCE, IS REPORTED ONLY IN SUMMARY RECORDS. ON THE OTHER HAND, U.S. VIEWS REGARDING PARTICIPATION BY A DESIGNATED ENTITY ARE FULLY

DEVELOPED IN SEVERAL U.S. CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH WERE SUBMITTED TO CONFERENCE. THEREFORE U.S. CONSIDERED SOVIET REQUEST FOR RECAPITULATION OF REGULATORY PRACTICE REASONABLE, AND ACCORDINGLY ACCEDED TO SOVIET REQUEST TO ELABORATE ON IT FOR SOVIET CLARIFICATION.

3. U.S. DID NOT REQUEST NOR HAVE SOVIETS PROMISED PAPER SETTING OUT THEIR VIEWS ON POSSIBLE INMARSAT CONVENTION. PREPARATION OF SUCH A PAPER HOWEVER WOULD CONTINUE TO BE U.S. PREREQUISITE (AS DESCRIBED REFTEL C) TO ANY FURTHER BILATERAL TALKS BETWEEN U.S. AND USSR PRIOR TO AUGUST INTERSESSIONAL WORKING GROUP MEETING. KISSINGER

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